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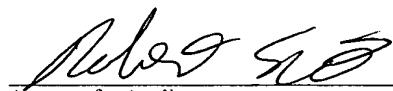
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In The Specification:

Please add the following paragraph before the first paragraph of page one:

 The present application claims the benefit of Finish Application No. 20001234, filed May 23, 2000.

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